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**Senate Bill 27, An Act Transitioning the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to an
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Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 27, An Act Transitioning the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to an Online Format.

The Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), the preeminent voluntary association of attorneys in Connecticut with over 9,000 members who practice in every area of the law, supports legislation which would provide a more reliable system of publishing and accessing the complete and up to date set of Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies for the public, consumers, regulated parties and businesses, and attorneys.

The CBA Administrative Law Section (Section) has long advocated the online publication of Connecticut regulations and the modernization of our paper-based publication format. As currently published, Connecticut regulations are often difficult to find and to search. As businesses are increasingly subject to government regulation, we believe it is critical for our state to develop a system whereby our regulatory requirements are transparent and easily accessible by all members of the public. Senate Bill 27 represents an important first step toward this goal.

The bill authorizes the Secretary of State to create an online database of state agency regulations, and provides for the online posting of notices and documents pertaining to proposed regulations. The online database would provide attorneys and the general public alike with easy access to official copies of Connecticut state regulations through a single online resource. No such resource currently exists in Connecticut. The bill also eliminates the current requirement that such information be published in the Connecticut Law Journal, and instead creates a more modern system of internet-only publication. Finally, the bill creates a Regulation Modernization Task Force to develop a plan for implementing the requirements of the proposed legislation.

For these reasons, the CBA and the Section support passage of Senate Bill 27 and urge this committee to joint favorably report the bill.